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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Military Division, OGI

ATTENTION: [REDACTED] Theatre Forces Branch 25X1A

THRU: Chief, RB/RG/CGS

FROM: Chief, Photographic Intelligence Division, CIA

SUBJECT: Status of Military Forces Near the Sino-Soviet Border

REFERENCE: Requirement No. C-D15-82,191 (Project No. 30134-5)

1. In partial fulfillment of Requirement No. C-D15-82,191 (30134-5), a search for Chinese Ground force Military Installations within 150 nm of the Sino-Soviet Border was accomplished. The area searched extended from the Sino-Soviet-Mongolian Border area (49 50N-116 40E) eastward to the Sino-Soviet-Korean Border area (42 30N-130 30E). An effort was made to locate, analyze, and describe all significant Chinese Ground Force Military Installations within 150 nm of this portion of the Sino-Soviet Border. A previous report, G-MB 804/64 (19 October 1964), provided an analysis of the western sector of the border.

2. This report will complete the establishment of a "base" Order of Battle for military ground forces along the Sino-Soviet Border with the exception of installations within the Mongolian Republic and along the China-Mongolian Border area for which there is insufficient interpretable photographic coverage at the present time. The Mongolian areas will be scanned as photographic coverage becomes available.

3. The following WAC areas fall within the Sino-Soviet Border study area and have been scanned in order to locate and describe current Chinese Ground Force Activity. [REDACTED] KEYHOLE Missions [REDACTED] were 25X1D utilized in this scan.

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WAC 202:

(a) Hai La Erh (49 13N-119 44E) is located approximately 60 nm south of the Sino-Soviet Border. Photography reveals extensive trenching and mortar emplacements, along with several small arms firing ranges, in the vicinity of this complex. However, these military facilities appear to be inactive. A possible barracks area is located just north of the small arms firing range and SE of Hai La Erh.

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(b) Man Chou Li (49 35N-117 26E) refer to CIA/PID/GMB memo, GMB 103/65, 1 February 1965, Paragraph 8.

WAC 203:

(a) Pei An (48 13N-126 30E) this area was covered adequately by 25X1D ranges were identified, but they are believed to be associated with the arsenal located at this town. No military barracks areas can be positively identified.

(b) Shan Shen Fu (50 04N-127 12E) this complex is located just south of the Sino-Soviet Border line about 11 nm southwest of Blagoveschensk, USSR. Photography of 25X1D revealed a large possible military barracks area under construction immediately north of Shan Shen Fu. Photography 25X1D of [REDACTED] revealed some 125 barracks-type buildings. Photography of 25X1D shows the area to be apparently 25X1D abandoned with the majority of the buildings having been razed.

WAC 282:

(a) Tung-An (45 32N-131 52E) the Tung-An urban complex is the only area in WAC 282 which contains identifiable Chinese ground force installations. The Tung-An barracks area 25X1A (45 30N-131 46E) is a probable division size barracks area which contains approximately 200 buildings. There are 16 probable administration, 50 barracks-type, 15 storage, 9 explosive storage, 10 possible explosive storage, 3 probable vehicle sheds, and approximately 97 support buildings in the area. There are no observed training facilities at this installation. Comparative analysis of KEYHOLE photography of 25X1D indicates a small increase in track activity; however, there has been no increase in the number of buildings.

(b) Tung-An Possible Barracks Area (45 33N-131 51E) this possible regimental size barracks area contains approximately 100 buildings of which there are 4 probable administrative, 20 barracks-type, 7 storage, and approximately 69 support buildings. There are no observed training facilities at this installation. Comparative analysis of KEYHOLE photography from 25X1D indicates no appreciable increase in track activity or in the number of buildings at this installation.

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WAC 283:

(a) Tang Yuan Barracks (46 45N-129 55E) a large barracks area was reported in the [REDACTED] Mission Coverage Index [REDACTED] The small scale of subsequent KEYHOLE photography precludes confirmation of the initial report. Photography of [REDACTED] suggests that this area is possibly communal rather than a line military unit. 25X1D
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(b) Mu-tan-ching Complex (44 35N-129 36E) the Mu-tan-ching urban complex contains major military supply depots and one military barracks area. The Mu-tan-ching Army Barracks East [REDACTED] is a possible regimental size installation which contains a total of 132 major buildings of which there are: 3 probable administrative, 40 barracks-type, 18 storage, 2 probable vehicle sheds, and 69 support buildings. A probable small arms firing range is located 1.5 nm ENE of the barracks area. The level of activity at this installation has remained relatively constant on all photographic coverage. 25X1A

(c) Wen-ch-un (44 25N-129 30E) a small unit size installation is located one nm southeast of Wen-ch-un. The possible barracks area contains a total of 45 buildings; of which there are 3 probable administrative, 8 barracks-type, 5 storage, and 29 support buildings. No training facilities were observed. The level of activity has remained relatively constant at the light to medium level on all photographic coverage.

(d) Chia-mu-ssu Complex (46 48N-130 22E) the Chia-mu-ssu urban area does not appear to contain any significant ground force installations, however, the support areas at the abandoned airfields around Chia-mu-ssu appear active and are possibly being used by units of the Chinese Army.

(e) Chi-tai-ho (45 48N-130 25E) the Chi-tai-ho urban area is located 13 nm ENE of Po-li and contains three possible barracks areas each with the capability of housing a regiment. The possible barracks areas have a combined total of approximately 145 buildings of which there are 4 probable administrative, 120 barracks-type, 4 probable vehicle sheds, and approximately 17 support buildings. There were no observed training facilities at these installations. A comparative analysis of KEYHOLE photography reveals that approximately 60 barracks-type buildings were added between [REDACTED] and that there has been no significant change in the level of track activity during the same period. 25X1D

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(f) Lin-Kou Possible Barracks Area (45 17N-130 16E) a possible barracks area of regimental size is located immediately SE of Lin-Kou. The area contains a total of 125 major buildings of which there are 6 probable administrative, 58 barracks-type, 6 storage, 5 probable vehicle storage, and approximately 50 support buildings. There were no identifiable training facilities observed at this installation. A comparative analysis of KEYHOLE photography from [REDACTED] indicates an increase in track activity from light to medium during this period. 25X1D

WAC 290:

Tu Men Probable Barracks Area (42 48N-129 50E) a probable ground force installation is located in the northwest sector of Tu Men. Tu Men is located on the China-Korea Border, 45 nm from the Sino-Soviet Border. This possible division size installation contains 3 probable administrative, 47 barracks-type, and at least 50 support buildings. There are no identifiable training facilities observed at this installation. The level of activity has remained at the light to medium level during the [REDACTED] 25X1D

(b) Hun Chun Complex (42 52N-130 22E) the Hun Chun urban area is located 8 nm northwest of the Sino-Soviet Border. A support area for two abandoned airfields (3 nm west of Hun Chun) appears to be active and may contain elements of the Chinese Army. The support area for the Hun Chun Ordnance Depot appears active; however, the agricultural patterns extend into and around the storage buildings on [REDACTED] 25X1D

(c) Chao Yang Chuan Probable Barracks Area (42 52N-129 22E) a probable ground force installation is located in the south section of Chao Yang Chuan which is located 5 nm west of Yen-Chi. This possible regimental size installation contains a total of 64 major buildings of which there are 2 probable administrative, 16 barracks-type, 7 storage, 2 probable vehicle sheds, one motor park, and at least 36 support buildings. A rail served possible explosives storage area is located 2 nm south of the installation. There are no observed training facilities at this installation. The level of activity appears to have increased from light in [REDACTED] and continuing at the medium level [REDACTED] 25X1D

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(d) Yen Chi Complex (42 54N-129 30E) the military installations and the Yen Chi South Airfield. A probable ground force installation is located 2 nm west of Yen Chi at 42 54N-129 27E.

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This unit size installation contains a total of 36 major buildings of which there are 2 probable administrative, 4 barracks-type, 3 storage, and 27 support buildings. A possible AAA site is located within the area. There are no training facilities connected to this installation that can be identified from available photography. Activity at this installation appears to be relatively light on available KEYHOLE coverage.

WAC 291:

No Chinese ground force installations were observed in this WAC area.

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4. The photo analysis on this project was performed by [REDACTED] CIA/PID/GMB, who may be contacted on ext. 3446 for any additional information. 25X1A

5. This memo is in partial response to the referenced requirement.

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